

IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (Currently Amended) An air filter comprising:
- a filter housing with air flowing through said filter housing in a first direction;
- pleated filter support operatively connected to said filter housing said pleated filter support having support members, each support member spaced from an adjacent support member to at least partially form a pleated shape; and
- a filter at least partially supported by said support members wherein said pleated filter support comprises a plurality of posts in an at least a partially annular form.
- 2-5. (Cancelled)
6. (Original) The air filter of Claim 1 wherein said filter comprises a low restriction filter paper.
7. (Original) The air filter of Claim 1 wherein said filter and said pleated filter support are operatively connected by welding.
8. (Original) The air filter of Claim 1 wherein said filter and said pleated filter support are operatively connected by an adhesive.
9. (Original) The air filter of Claim 1 including a filter seal operatively connected to said filter and said pleated filter support.

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10. (Currently Amended) An air induction system comprising:
- a vehicle flow body;
  - a filter housing in communication with said vehicle flow body with air flowing through said filter housing in a first direction;
  - a pleated filter support operatively connected to said filter housing, said filter support comprising a plurality of posts defining a pleated shape in an at least a partially annular form; and
  - a filter at least partially supported by said support members.

11-12. (Cancelled)

13. (Original) The air induction system of Claim 10 wherein said filter comprises a low restriction filter paper.

14. (Original) The air induction system of Claim 10 wherein said filter and said pleated filter support are operatively connected by welding.

15. (Original) The air induction system of Claim 10 wherein said filter and said pleated filter support are operatively connected by an adhesive.

16. (Original) The air induction system of Claim 10 including a filter seal operatively connected to said filter and said pleated filter support.

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17. (Previously Amended) A method of manufacturing an air filter comprising the steps of:

arranging a plurality of posts into pleats;  
forming the pleats into at least a partially annular form; and  
adhering a filter to the pleats.

18. (Cancelled)

19. (Currently Amended) The method of manufacturing the filter of Claim ~~18~~17 wherein the plurality of support members comprise a wire mesh.

20. (New) The method of manufacturing the filter of Claim 17 including the step of sealing the filter to the support.

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21. (New) An air filter comprising:

a filter housing;

a pleated filter support operatively connected to said filter housing, said pleated filter support having support members, each support member spaced from an adjacent support member to at least partially form a pleated shape; and .

a filter at least partially supported by said support members wherein said pleated filter support at least partially forms an annular shape.

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